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## MARINES ABOARD U. S. S. LARDNER

The 40 Marines who were rushed to La Ceiba, Honduras, to protect American lives and property during the recent hostilities in the Central American republic found little space aboard the *U. S. S. Lardner* in which to stretch their sea legs. The detachment was on board the destroyer seven days, and the craft had its full complement of sailors.

The commanding officer, Lieut. Com. F. E. P. Uberroth, in an official letter to the commander of the Scouting Fleet, commends the "manly behavior, spirit, interest and cooperation" of the detachment, which "evoked the highest admiration of both the officers and crew of the ship."

The Marines were commanded by Capt. R. L. Nelson, U. S. Marine Corps, of the *U. S. S. Florida*. Quarters were so crowded that, at each meal, mess tables had to be set up twice, and most of the detachment were compelled to sleep as best they could on the weather deck.

In the tropical climate of Central America the decks of a vessel of this type are extremely hot in the day time, and at night a heavy dew renders them very wet and uncomfortable. The Marines who formed this detachment will not soon forget their experience, yet they may derive some satisfaction from the fine compliment which has been paid them by the commander of the vessel.

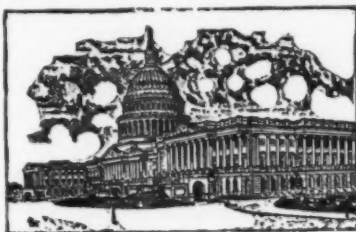
The *U. S. S. Lardner* has returned to Guantanamo Bay, Cuba, at which port it had picked up this detachment.

## RADIO SETS FOR SERVICE HOSPITALS

Marines and sailors who have at any time been stationed at the U. S. Naval Hospital, Mount Alto Hospital, and Walter Reed Hospital, Washington, D. C., will be interested in the news that the efforts of Roxie and His Gang to bring the radio to the inmates of these hospitals have been crowned with success, and it will soon be possible for every patient, bed-ridden or otherwise, to enjoy the concerts broadcasted daily.

S. L. Rothafel, or Roxie, as he is known to the thousands of music lovers who attend the Capitol Theater in New York City, is himself a former "Leatherneck." He is heart and soul a Marine, and none of the patients at these hospitals will derive more real pleasure from his work than will Mr. Rothafel himself.

THE LEATHERNECK received a visit from an old timer last week when Mr. Peter J. Francis dropped in for a chat with the Editors. Mr. Francis enlisted at Boston in 1887, at a time when the present Major General Commandant was a lieutenant, as was Major General George Barnett. Mr. Francis was a member of the detachment of Marines sent to Brazil upon the overthrow of Don Pedro.



## CLERICAL SCHOOL NOTES

The members of the Clerical Schools Detachment were sorry to lose Pvt. Glendon Earl Briggs, who was discharged from the service April 10, 1924. Private Briggs returned to his home at Moundsville, W. Va., where he will be employed by the National Tube Company.

The Detachment was pleased to learn that an electric pump has been installed which will take care of any flow of water from the parade ground. This will relieve them of the necessity of turning to in the fireroom should there be another heavy snowfall.

The Clerical Schools Detachment is developing some pretty fair typists, and by the end of the term, about May 24, it is expected that practically every member will be able to write at a speed of at least 40 words a minute.

Following is the record made by the six best typists in the detachment in an official Underwood speed test lasting 15 minutes. None of the students had previously seen the copy given them to write, and the number of words written, as given below, is net; that is, from the number of words written, ten words were deducted for each error made.

Pvt. 1st Class L. W. McCright, 77.86; Pvt. Theodore Edwards, 48.06; Pvt. 1st Class Thomas McCaffrey, 45.2; Pvt. 1st Class B. N. Bond, 43.86; Pvt. Addis Clelland, 42.66; Pvt. Carl Wenzel, 41.93.

## MARINE CORPS ADOPTS ARMY TRAINING REGULATIONS

A plan has been approved by Headquarters for the adoption of the "Training Regulations" of the U. S. Army to supersede and replace the various pamphlets and publications which have heretofore been used in the Marine Corps to cover the following subjects:

Field Service Regulations; I. D. R.; Bayonet Training; Rifle and Pistol Marksmanship; Musketry Bulletin; Musketry Rule Model; Engineer Field Notes; Equitation; Land Warfare; Automatic Rifle, and Conventional signs.

The tentative list of training regulations calls for about 800 pamphlets and is capable of indefinite extension. Distribution of these pamphlets to officers and organizations will vary according to the requirements of each individual case.

## QUANTICO NEWS 5th Regiment

It is with deep regret that the Fifth Regiment notes the detachment on the 11th inst. of some 12 or 15 2nd lieutenants to attend the Basic Course of the Marine Corps Schools at this post. Officers are indeed fast becoming an almost extinct species in the 5th; but it is not merely on this account that we mourn their loss. Most of these young officers have been through two different maneuvers with us, and earned our respect and admiration as well as having become more or less a part and parcel of our organization, and we are going to miss them. Good luck to you all, and may we serve together again soon.

We are advised that the 8th Company soon expects to lose its star comedian and dancing instructor, Pvt. Max Friedman, who is getting out on dependency. If these transfers and discharges keep on, it will soon require the whole regiment to man the steam shovel at the stadium.

Corp. Rudolph Dossett, 18th Company, has been notified that he is to take the preliminary exam in May for the candidate school for officers in Washington. We wish him all the luck we can spare, and sincerely trust that when he finally gets those two brass bars on his shoulders, that he won't forget his old shipmates. More power to you, Dossett!

The task of beautifying the different company areas goes on apace, in spite of the rain and mud. Attention is particularly invited to the efforts of Sgt. (Coal Pile) Hearsted, of the 8th Company, and Gv. Sgt. J. J. Flynn, 18th Company. What with new mess tables, study rooms in several companies, and recreation rooms in most areas, it looks as though the regiment might be settling down for a few months of solid comfort right here at home. As usual, the 20th Company desires to call attention to their recreation room as a fitting model for all other companies to follow.

Seems that 43d and 45th Companies are more or less taking the lead in athletics. Both companies are making most ambitious efforts to develop track men, gymnasts, boxers, wrestlers, and ball players. So much effort is bound to produce results, and other companies better get in the running if they don't want to be eclipsed all together.

Next week marks the departure of two more company commanders from the regiment; 17th loses Capt. R. G. Anderson, and 18th, Capt. M. Corbett, both being detached on the 17th inst. for duty in Santo Domingo. It is with deep regret that we lose them for they have both been splendid company command-

ers. The regiment wishes them the best o'luck. Lieutenant Colomy is taking over the 18th Company now, and Captain Wayt, performer of feats extraordinary at the stadium in the past, relieves Captain Anderson.

That there Old 20th Company just can't be kept out of the limelight. They've been appearing for drill purposes this week for the officers taking examination, and were called out one day this week to welcome a visiting Army General. In between times, they are building the stadium, but don't expect to finish it before the end of the summer, if the usual number of interruptions of this sort occur.

Among the familiar faces which will be missed in the regiment as the result of recent transfers, discharges, and what not, we note the following:

Corporal Tipsword and Pvt. James Wood, both 77th Company, discharged upon expiration of enlistment. Cpl. Chas. O. McIntosh, of 23d Company, whose enlistment expired on the 11th. Sgt. Thos. W. P. Murphy, 8th Company, who has returned to his old love (sea duty) aboard the U. S. S. *Rocheester*.

On Monday afternoon, April 14, 1924, the 18th Company is to have an automatic rifle stripping contest for all members of the company below the rank of corporal. This is strictly a company affair, and is due, we are told, to the fact that Captain Corbett decided that "his" company had to develop some experts in this line to compete with those developed by Gunnery Sergeant Gaberman, late of 17th Company. Prizes of \$1.50, \$1.00 and 50c have been offered for stripping the gun and reassembling it, both blindfolded and otherwise, and there has been a great deal of interest and rivalry developed between the two platoons of the company as to which will carry off the lion's share of the prize money.

"Blank File" Henson, who is at present sojourning in the 43d Company, distinguished himself once more one day last week. While training to make the boxing squad of that company, he scored a knockout. But strange to relate, 'twas himself he knocked out with a skin-rope.

Pvt. 1st Class Trimble, 18th Company, has been transferred to the Navy Yard, Portsmouth, N. H., for duty. Trimble gave up trying to make his two chevrons in the 18th Company, and nut in for duty close to his home. We'll miss him, at that, as he is a good soldier.

#### 6TH REGIMENT

Talk about a swell feeding outfit! The 73d Machine Gun Company, of the 6th, has them all beat. Just listen to the spread they put out for us last Sunday:

Roast Chicken	
Oyster Dressing	Baked Sweet Potatoes
	Giblet Gravy
Creamed Asparagus	on Toast
Cocoanut Layer Cake	Ice Cream
Hot Rolls	Butter
Coffee	

Take it from me, soldier, it was cooked up for a million and put out in style. This isn't a special feed, either, just the regular thing. The credit belongs to "Nick" Carter, our popular mess sergeant, and "Smoky" Joe Moriarty, the first cook. By the way, we have noticed that "Smoky" is keeping well on this side of Baltimore.

We have heard a rumor to the effect that "Bill" Rode visited the Capitol the other day and returned on the "reviellie special." This may be true, but we will take this occasion to state that there is absolutely no truth to the rumor that he went to Washington for the purpose of testifying in regards to the "Tea-Post Dome."

Gy. Sgt. William R. Sands, who has been in charge of clothing in the office of the Regimental Quartermaster for some time, has been transferred to the Post Supply Detachment, where he will assume duties in the office of the Post Quartermaster.

#### 1ST BATTERY, 10TH REGIMENT

The battery baseball team won its opening game of the season Sunday, March 30. 1st Battery, 19; Service Company, 10th Regiment, 3.

Cpl. Edward G. Pierson and Pvt. Marvin L. Kiser have extended their enlistments for two years, and will be transferred about May 1 to the West Coast for duty.

The Carnival is being well patronized by men of this battery since its opening night.

#### LIGHT TANK PLATOON

The Tanks are going to be short one mighty fine hombre and an excellent mechanic when the first of our short-timers, Sgt. A. A. Elliott, gets his parchment next Saturday.

During the past week we overhauled

tanks, talked tanks, dreamed tanks, and heard of tanks until we are about tanked up on tanks.

The officers in charge of athletic equipment seem to be afraid of the possibility of the Tank Platoon stealing the honors for the season, for, to date, not one of them have given us the necessary athletic gear for us to demonstrate our ability in that line.

We are looking forward to a trip to Camp Meade, Md., where we may see the tank and its fighting armament bisected.

Gunnery Sergeant McFarland has taken a thirty-day furlough.

#### OBSERVATION SQUADRON TWO

The gang here are all golf enthusiasts, in fact some of them are so enthusiastic (being \$21.00 men) that they have made their own clubs and are using sea-bags in which to carry them, in order to cut down the enormous expense involved in playing the famous Scotch game. Every afternoon finds the Sergeant Major instructing the novices in the fine points of the game. The men are making some good drives and it is hoped that there will soon be a tournament on the links, if permission can be obtained from the Commanding General.

Since the last meet with Santo Domingo, baseball enthusiasm has slackened somewhat, but the Squadron promises rival organizations that they will find the Aviation Team a strong contender for the Hasco Cup when the Port-au-Prince League gets started again. The cup is now in the possession of the Squadron, which is fully confident of holding it another year.

The handball court is furnishing lots of sport again. Many of the members are becoming very proficient, and before supper every afternoon one always finds the court occupied, and may often witness some very close games.

Final arrangements have been made for the long-promised dance, which is to be held April 19. It is planned to make this "shindig" as original as possible, and there will be plenty of novelties. Invitations will be extended to all members of the Occupation in Port-au-Prince, many of whom have been looking forward to the affair. It will have everything on the dances held in the good old States, where they have to get along on the drink that Bryan made famous, while we will have the stuff that has always been famous.

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## A PERFECT GIRL

Shiek: Oh, come on. Let's go for a ride. I'm harmless.

Flapper: Indeed. And who wants to go for a ride with a guy that's harmless?

Marine driving a flivver on the Avenue was hailed by a traffic cop at the corner of 9th, who waved him down. The gyrene stepped on the gas, at the same time waving back at the guardian of the law. About a half-hour later he returned and was stopped by the cop.

Cop: What the blank blank do you mean by this? Didn't you see me wave to you?

Marine: Well, didn't you see me wave back at you?

## HOT DOG RECEIPTS

By BILL WILLIAMS

1. How to make your own Home Brew.  
To one gallon water, add one pound of sawdust, four prunes, one bag Epsom Salts, two bananas, one can cock-roach powder, four bars of soap and eight sticks of dynamite. Pin the name of an undertaker to your vest and then put it all into a meat grinder and grind thoroughly.—*Lookout.*

## MERELY UNCOVERED

The traveler had returned to his native village after being abroad twenty years. He stopped as he saw a little boy with a small baby coming down the road.

"Ah, a new face I see!"

"No, it ain't, sir," replied the boy, looking at the baby. "It's just been washed that's all!"—*Philadelphia Inquirer.*

## IN THE SAME LOT

"Do you know," said the successful merchant pompously, "that I started life as a barefoot boy?"

"Well," said his clerk, "I wasn't born with shoes on, either."—*London Telegraph.*

Bluejacket—Hey you! I bought a bottle of hair tonic from you last week and all I've got from using it is a couple big bumps on my head.

Sands Street Druggist—Very sorry, but I must have given you a bottle of our bust developer by mistake.

Recruiting Officer—What's your name?  
Recruit—Wood.

R. O.—What your wife's name?

Recruit—Wood of course.

R. O.—H-m both Wood. Er any kindling!

## SPEAKING OF ENDURANCE

He—Just one more kiss before I leave.  
She—No, we haven't time. Father will be home in an hour.—*Boll Weevil.*

A hundred years ago today a wilderness was here;

A man with powder in his gun went forth to hunt a deer,

But now the times have changed somewhat—are on a different plan,

A deer, with powder on her nose goes forth to hunt a man.

—*Boll Weevil.*

Soph—I see that they captured a Berlin painter who had been counterfeiting German marks last weeks.

Sophier—Got a long jail sentence, I suppose?

Soph.—Naw, they put him in the insane asylum.—*Pelican.*

## EPITAPH

There was a young rounder named Lou,  
Who made up a batch of home brew,

He took a wee nip,

Just a moderate sip,

Funeral—Tuesday at two.

"I'll bite, what is it?" said one mosquito to another as they landed on a mummy.—*Ex.*

The tongue of a woman is her sword,  
which she seldom lets rust.

Trust in God, but keep a sharp lookout on your friends.—*Skidfin.*

## THRIFT

The man who put something aside for a rainy day has nothing on the fellow who did likewise for a dry one.—*Life.*

Gallagher—I had a date with a girl that had a wooden leg, last nite.

Shean—How'd you know it—get a splinter in your finger?

Gallagher—No, "saw dust" on the floor.—*Boll Weevil.*

## YES, HE'D HAD NO BOLOGNA

There was a young man named Mahoney,  
Who never had tasted bolognee

He said, "Hully gee!

It's a new one on me—

Hamburger inside a kimonee!"

## THE OLD-FASHIONED GIRL

"My girl's got a dress she'll never wear out."

"What kind is it?"

"Her nightgown."—*Puppet.*

Sergeant Wineberger and Corporal Shapiro, our local Potash and Pealmutter, have lately acquired a sea-going hack, propelled by gas or the like, and they now dash madly to and fro like modern Don Quixotes. Both cavaliers are students of the Marine Corps Institute, are stationed at San Diego, and they owe their knowledge of motors to that institution. Though not finished students, they can master the iron steed to a certain degree. Before going on a long run, recently, and in order to fit themselves and their steed for the journey, the matter of filling the radiator came up for discussion. Shapiro wasn't sure about it, and Wineberger hadn't received his lesson book on the subject, so the trip had to be postponed until more information could be obtained.

## NEWS AND COMMENT

The dirigible *Shenandoah* is soon to have a sister. She is nearing completion in Germany and will probably make her flight across the Atlantic in May. Her home port will be at Lakehurst, N. J.

General Butler recently dismissed two members of the Philadelphia police force for inefficiency. Philadelphia will more readily understand why it is that the Marine Corps always does well, what it has to do. We have no inefficient members.

After a cruise of approximately 25,000 miles, the U. S. Cruiser *Concord* arrived at Philadelphia Navy Yard last week, with all machinery in good condition, and its crew of 450 officers and men in good health.

The American Asiatic Fleet departed April 10 from Philippine waters, several to Indo China, some to Japan, and others to China. A number of destroyers are to be used in Japanese waters, the Yellow Sea and Bay of Bengal in connection with the American Army's round-the-world flight.

Examination by naval gunnery experts of target practice scores of all battle-ships, made since July 1, shows that the U. S. *Maryland* led all vessels of its class, with the *Tennessee*, *Pennsylvania*, *Mississippi*, *Arizona* and *New Mexico* following in order.

## MAH JONGG

The members of the Legation Guard, Peking, China, are looking forward to the coming baseball season with all the enthusiasm of the most ardent fans. They had a championship team last year but the transfer of Zenman and Kelly to the States has left them without pitchers.

Boxing, basketball, ice hockey and bowling are all popular in Peking. The Legation Guard has two bowling alleys which are seeing hard service.

Football has been one of the most popular sports in China for some time, and rivalry between the Marine Corps and the Army is intense. The commanding officer, Col. Dunlap, received the following letter from Headquarters, Marine Corps, Washington, D. C.

MY DEAR COL. DUNLAP:

Your radiogram, announcing the winning of the football championship of the Far East by the Peking Marine Football Team, has been received and I am delighted with the news. Please accept my hearty congratulations and thanks.

The football situation in China has attracted much attention throughout the Marine Corps and the Army, and the Marines generally are delighted with your victory and that good work of the Marine Corps in Peking which has upheld the reputation of the Corps for excellence in athletics. With my kindest regards and warmest congratulations, I am,

Very sincerely yours,  
JOHN A. LEJEUNE,  
Major General, Commandant.

Bobby—Does the stork that brings the babies come from the zoo?

Mother—I think so, dearie.

"He must have stopped at the monkey cage for ours."—*Judge.*

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## NOTICES

The language course for officers, the order for which is now being prepared, will have no bearing on an officer's professional examination for promotion.

An interesting and highly important article on the promotion and assignment of non-commissioned officers will shortly appear in these columns.

It is being prepared by Maj. Edward A. Ostermann, Assistant Adjutant and Inspector, U. S. Marine Corps, who handles this subject at Headquarters.

THE LEATHERNECK announces several changes of personnel. First Lieut. Gordon Hall has been relieved from duty as Assistant Superintendent of the Construction Schools, to relieve 2d Lieut. Donald E. Keyhoe, who has been forced to give up his duties as editor on account of being ordered to the U. S. Naval Hospital, Washington, D. C., for treatment.

Sergt. Fred A. Parquette has been transferred to the Pay Department, Headquarters, U. S. Marine Corps, and his duties as Business Manager have been assumed by GySergt. Cassie P. Rogers.

During the past three or four months THE LEATHERNECK has mailed papers to about 500 subscribers at Parris Island and Quantico who have not yet paid the subscription rate. Beginning with the current issue these subscriptions will be discontinued and can be resumed only upon receipt of payment.

With the preceding issue, next of kin were notified that subscriptions would be resumed upon receipt of payment of the subscription rate.

Attention is invited to the fact that the subscription rate for THE LEATHERNECK is \$2 a year for all subscribers. Students of the Marine Corps Institute were at one time allowed a rebate of 50 per cent, but it has now become impracticable to continue this reduction.

Send in your Post news.

## Sail Ho!

It is with no small amount of pride that we read the following comment in the *Seattle-Butt*, published by the U. S. S. *Savannah*:

"Records show that more coal was put aboard in our recent coaling than ever before in the history of the *Savannah*. The Marines made their usual good showing finishing many tons ahead of the port side. The outstanding feature was the way Cpl. 'Fatty' Snape stripped off his top shirt and stood there in the north wind, half naked, with the utmost unconcern directing the job. The good work of all is commended."

We feel sure that the feeling of good fellowship that must exist between the *Savannah's* crew and the Marine Detachment aboard is responsible for such generous cooperation.

## MARINES ABOARD U. S. S. PITTSBURG FIRE COURSE UNDER DIFFICULTY

The Marine Detachment of the U. S. S. *Pittsburg* fired the Army qualifications course recently at Bizerta, Tunisia, in accordance with instructions, March 14 and 15 on a rifle range which had been secured from the French Army.

Thirty-two men fired for qualification March 14, in a heavy wind estimated at a velocity of 30 miles; eight fired the following day, and the remainder of the Detachment were forced to forego the doubtful pleasure of shooting under such conditions, due to a high wind blowing about 50 miles an hour, and heavy rain which made pasting impossible and which eventually destroyed eight of the targets.

The Paymaster of the U. S. S. *Pittsburg* paid the French government 345 francs, or about \$20.35, for the use of the range. The fact that the *Pittsburg* went into dry dock at Disi Abdallah on the 17th, and that the French wished to use the range to prepare troops about to be sent into Germany at that time, made it impossible to postpone firing until a later date.

## NEW DETACHMENT ORDERED ORGANIZED

Under date of April 7, 1924, the Major General Commandant ordered the Commanding Officer, Marine Barracks, Quantico, Va., to organize and hold in readiness for transfer to the Naval Training Station, Great Lakes, Ill., a detachment consisting of 1 sergeant, 4 corporals and 25 privates. This detachment is to be transferred to the Naval Training Station at Great Lakes immediately upon the receipt of the necessary orders and when so transferred will be designated the "Marine Detachment, Main Brig., Naval Training Station, Great Lakes, Ill."

Only men of good record, who have completed at least one year's service in the Corps and who have at least one full year yet to serve on their present enlistments, and who are deemed suitable for prison guard duty, are to be selected to form the personnel of this detachment. The sergeant selected should be capable of performing the duties of a first sergeant.

## Headquarters Talks

## "THE PERSONNEL SECTION"

By MAJOR P. H. TORREY, U. S. M. C.  
Detail Officer

Headquarters U. S. Marine Corps  
(Continued From Last Week.)

The roster is not inviolate. If it were, and if the personnel always remained in good health, were never court-martialed, and all were built in accordance with the same plan and specification, etc., and the tour of foreign and sea duty remained the same, all would be quite well, and a machine could be easily constructed which would issue all orders at the proper time and look out in a general way for the transfer and movement of all the officers. But, it must be remembered that round pins do not fit in square holes. Medical surveys and births persist at the most inopportune times. One may without much difficulty conceive of some important duty which the Marine Corps must perform on foreign station requiring, let us say, some highly developed qualities which are not found as a usual thing in the general run of officers. The first officer to be considered for this duty is the one first on the roster. He is checked off, and not infrequently five or six names are skipped before the selection is finally made.

Serious illness in an officer's family smashes, and rightly so, the roster. You may not understand it, but the Personnel Section is vitally interested in all marriages, births, and illnesses.

Personal preference for duty frequently shakes up the roster a little. For instance, Captains A, B, and C appear on the list in the order named. Let us suppose that a vacancy exists in Santo Domingo and Captain A, two months ago, expressed a desire in an official letter to be ordered to Haiti when due for foreign duty. At present there is no vacancy in Haiti, but one in prospect a month hence. The records disclose that B and C have neglected to state a preference for duty, and unless an officer writes and tells Headquarters his desire in this respect, the Commandant has no means of knowing what station or what particular duty an officer may be interested in now that the old form of fitness report has been abolished. Captain A having expressed a preference, B and C apparently satisfied to go anywhere, Headquarters will ordinarily hold A for the Haiti billet and orders Captain B immediately to Santo Domingo.

The question of transportation on vessels of the Navy Transport Service, another function of the Personnel Section, may be of passing interest. The regulations governing this transportation may be found in Navy Regulations, Bureau Manuals, and in some detail in regulations for the Government of the Naval Transport Service. As a principle, it may be stated that this transportation is provided for only those who are by law entitled to it. It sometimes happens that limited space remains for those who are not strictly entitled by law to the transportation. Preference is always given those who are traveling

under orders and in this class are included the immediate families of officers and non-commissioned officers when traveling with them. Next preference is given to the families who may be joining for the first time; next to officers, non-commissioned officers and the immediate families returning to foreign stations from leave. Then, if any space remains on the ship it is filled by those not strictly entitled to the transportation, in the order in which the applications have been received. It very often happens that transportation is canceled at the eleventh hour, and in such a contingency the order of preference as just indicated is broken, the bars, so to speak, let down, and those who have applications on file and who live within a convenient distance of the port of embarkation (ordinarily Hampton Roads) are offered the space by telegraph and usually accept and make the trip. Almost invariably in such cases, the Personnel Section is rather severely criticized, usually because the person who considers himself discriminated against is ignorant of the conditions and happens to have mother, father, sister, or brother living in the middle or western part of the United States.

The assignments of officers to the various stations and posts is largely influenced by the established policies of the Major General Commandant, such as that officers assigned to the Field and Company Officers' Schools at Quantico shall be selected from a block of officers who will become due for examination for promotion within the next year following the scholastic year; that newly commissioned officers shall remain in the United States for at least one year before becoming due for foreign or sea duty; that one of the two marine officers at sea on the first-line battleships shall be relieved each year, preferably in June or July, in order that there may be at all times, one qualified Marine officer on board with the detachment having had one year's experience on that vessel; that officers shall not remain on the west coast an undue length of time, etc., etc.

The Personnel Section will cordially welcome every officer visiting Headquarters. The roster is open for inspection at all times and it will be a pleasure to answer all reasonable questions on the subject of transfers, vacancies, etc.

Do not put off any longer the letter to Headquarters on the subject of preference for duty. It is not always practicable or possible to comply with every request but each is given serious consideration. If there is a second or a third choice do not omit specifying them, for failing in the first, the second or third choice is often found open and available.

#### GUANTANAMO'S SUDDEN POPULARITY

The Agricultural Experimental Station conducted by the Marines at Fisherman's Point, Guantanamo Bay, Cuba, reports complete success in the raising of mint of the julpip variety, from plants imported from home. With Caimanera only 22½ minutes away by speed boat, the prospects for a pleasant summer are excellent.

Advance information as to mint culture here, circulated at Parris Island, is believed to be responsible for the large number of applications for transfer to Guantanamo received from recruits hailing from Kentucky and Virginia.

#### LEAGUE IS GROWING STRONG IN ATLANTA

Folks in Atlanta sat up and took notice recently when more than fifty Marines and ex-Marines wended their way up to room 526, Federal Building, for the purpose of organizing a detachment of the Marine Corps League in the Georgian Capital City. Had those folks been present at the first meeting of the detachment they would have learned why the Marines are famed the world over for their fighting abilities, and for their love of the good old Corps, even after having severed connection with the service. It was a meeting filled with pep—enthusiasm—and punctuated now and then with bursts of patriotic fervor—it was a meeting which will never be forgotten by those attending. For it was the first gathering of U. S. Marines in Atlanta since the days of the World War, and many a buddy met a former comrade for the first time since having been demobilized at Quantico, Va., at the close of the war.

Capt. C. A. Wynn, U. S. M. C., officer in charge of the Southeastern Recruiting District, presided as temporary chairman, and assisted later in the installation of the newly elected officers. Thomas C. Harris, formerly of the Fourth Squadron of the Aviation Section, and now a well-known citizen of Marietta, Ga., was elected Detachment Commander. First Sergt. Ernest H. Galway, U. S. M. C., with more than 16 years in the Corps, and still going strong, was chosen Detachment Adjutant while Dr. E. C. Swanson, a well-known dentist of Atlanta, was elected Detachment Paymaster after a hot contest with former Q. M. Sergt. E. O. Hilderbrand. Various committees were appointed, and other details of organization perfected.

The Detachment selected as its name that of a well-known Atlantan, who gave his life for his country on the poppy covered fields of France, Marcus Beck, Jr., and who died a Corporal in the U. S. Marines. Later his father, Judge Marcus Beck, was made an honorary member of the Marcus Beck, Jr., Detachment, and was notified of the honor by two members of the Detachment. The first and third Thursdays of each month were selected as the meeting nights, and until arrangements can be made for a club room, the meetings will be held in the Federal Building, thanks to the offer of Capt. H. W. Mitchell, Assistant Paymaster, U. S. M. C. At the close of the meeting each member promised to bring at least one ex-Marine to the next gathering, and indications point to an attendance of at least 100 at the second meeting of the Marcus Beck, Jr., Detachment, at which time plans will be made to hold a banquet at some future date.

#### ODE TO KITTERY

Hail, thou ships, so brave and bold,  
That sails the angry sea!  
Many years your decks have rolled  
And tossed in stormy glee.

Naught for ballast in your hold,  
And ne'er a keel I see;  
Like a tub, your graceful mold  
Goes bobbing o'er the lea.

Off' your praises have been told,  
But something puzzles me:  
How you've lived to be so old,  
You poor old Kittery!

#### JOLTS AND JARS FROM O. S. 1

One of the Squadron's planes was wrecked in the vicinity of Azua, D. R., and a party of nine men under the command of 1st Lieut. Ford O. Rogers made the trip overland to salvage all parts that could be of any further use. The wrecking party turned out to be an automobile tire repairing party, the thorny nature of the terrain causing one of the trucks to have twenty-nine blow-outs. Upon their return the party reported that voting had already begun in and around Azua. The most important newspaper in the Republic, *The Listin Diario*, announced that General Oracio Vasquez had been elected Presidente, defeating his opponent by the very narrow margin of 59 votes, which may result in a protest.

All Marines stationed in the Republic were restricted to camp, and ordered to stand by to give whatever assistance might be required to maintain order. The situation was well handled, however, thanks to the Policia Nazionale Dominicana and the Municipal Police.

Some of the boys went on a picnic last week and stopped at Boca Chica to see one of the cock fights that are held there weekly. On the way back they stopped for a few minutes at the "Sunken River," a sort of well that appears to have no bottom. Attempts have been made to reach bottom with a Navy lead line but without success.

During Major General Pendleton's inspection on March 8, Capt. Harold D. Campbell, division commander, was informed that he was the father of a "bouncing" baby girl.

Sergt. Hopwood C. Kildow, who reenlisted for the Squadron last August, bought two pieces of the Dominican lottery for forty-eight cents American and had the pleasure of winning two thousand dollars. Kildow lost little time in securing a two months' furlough which he is spending, along with the two thousand, at Washington, D. C. None of his friends who may be stationed near Washington will have to be urged to look up their old buddy.

C. T. BRANNON.

#### KANSAS CITY RECRUITERS BUSY

Recruiting has been resumed in the district of Kansas City and business has been rushing there since March 18 according to Sergt. Fred H. Kelley, a member of the recruiting force who wrote to THE LEATHERNECK recently.

Captain C. McL. Lott is the officer in charge of recruiting in the district of Kansas City. Charles A. Nelson is first sergeant, with sixteen years' service to his credit, and Sergeant Robert S. Williamson is chief recruiter, with thirteen years' service. This district has done very well in the past, and its members assure THE LEATHERNECK that they are out to break all previous records for the number of recruits secured.

#### JES' RIGHT

"Rastus, how was that flask of whisky I gave you?"

"Jes' right, boss, jes' right!"

"What do you mean, jes' right?"

"Well, if it had been any better you wouldn't a guv it to me, an' if it had been any wuss it would have killed me."—*Southern Furniture Journal.*

## This Man Wouldn't Stay Down

He was putting in long hours at monotonous unskilled work. His small pay scarcely lasted from one week to the next. Pleasures were few and far between and he couldn't save a cent.

He was down—but he *wouldn't stay down!* He saw other men promoted, and he made up his mind that what they could do *he* could do. Then he found the *reason* they were promoted was because they had special training—an expert knowledge of some one line. So he made up his mind that *he* would get that kind of training.

He marked and mailed to Scranton a coupon like the one below. That was his first step upward. It brought him just the information he was looking for. He found he could get the training he needed right at home in the hours after supper. From that time on he spent part of his spare time studying.

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## SERGEANT PRATER NOW GUARD AT BANK

The Marine Corps recruiting service lost one of its best men upon the retirement of Sergt. John L. Prater, who wore the globe and anchor for twenty years and who saw service of which any Leatherneck might well feel proud.

He was the first man from the State of Oklahoma to join the Corps. He went around the world five times, has seen practically every country in the world, was personal orderly to three Presidents, and fought in the World War. Prater was aboard the *U. S. S. Tennessee* when she went on the rocks in the South Atlantic. He assisted in guarding the college for Syrian and Armenian girls during the Turkish massacres. He landed with the Marines at Vera Cruz in 1914; helped take Port au Prince in 1915, and landed in France with the Fifth Marines in 1917. When the late Theodore Roosevelt sent a special mission to the King of Abyssinia, Prater was a member of the escort, and he was among the Marines who rescued the American Minister to Morocco after he had been kidnapped by the bandit Raisuli.

Prater has accepted a position as bank guard at the North Ward National Bank at Newark, N. J. His long service in the Marine Corps has not weakened his faith in the value of military training for boys. He is still a Marine, having been placed on the reserve list, and he still believes that his old outfit is the best of its kind in the world.

"You can't make it too strong regarding my belief in the value of training for young men," he said recently. "I would recommend that every boy join the Marines as soon as he gets old enough. The training in itself is of the greatest benefit, even if only one or two enlistments are served. It makes for manliness and self-confidence in business and social life. To this is added the opportunity to see the world at the expense of Uncle Sam. The men in the Corps are of the highest caliber and the boy who goes into the service comes out bigger and better in every way and with an experience money cannot buy."

## SIXTEEN YEARS A SEA SOLDIER

Sixteen years a Sea Soldier! As I look back today down the vista of years it seems almost like a dream—a kaleidoscopic vision of ever-changing patterns.

My first "stretch" on post in the old Pensacola Navy Yard, the old long-handled Krag on my shoulder.

A typhoon out China way, torrents of water, roaring winds, a boiling sea, and the old "wagon" tossing about like a cork with gun-decks awash.

Cruising down the crooked streets of an old Chinese city in a rickshaw with a panting coolie between the shafts.

Latin-American plazas on concert night with dark-eyed señoritas swaying

in the tropical moonlight on the arms of pomaded cabelleros.

Outpost duty at midnight in Mexico, wondering whether the noise in the brush is a stray burro or the advance guard of the Greaser army.

A glimpse of the Panama Canal in the making; laboring steamshovels, busy dirt trains, sweating hunkies: puny man changing the face of nature.

A crowded troop ship in the Caribbean, the foremast playing tag with the bright stars overhead.

These and many others—vague, formless, evanescent as mist, but poignantly sweet and ever-precious.

FREDERICK GRAFRIED.

## IN THE GOOD OLD DAYS III.

Cruel as were the foregoing punishments, they were mild compared with the terrible floggings round the fleet which reached their height at the end of the 18th century.

In 1744, 14 sailors were tried by court-martial. Two were sentenced to death, the sentences on the others were 3 of 900 lashes, 1 of 500, 2 of 400, 1 of 300, 2 of 150, and 1 of 100 lashes alongside each ship in Antigua. It can only be presumed that some of these sentences were intended to result in death.

Between February and May, 1800, 34 seamen and marines were court-martialed. Two men were acquitted: the sentences on the remaining 32 were as follows: 2 sentences of 500 lashes, 7 of 300, 6 of 200, 2 of 150, 7 of 100, 1 of 60 and 7 of 50. One sentence of 500 and one of 300 lashes was followed by 2 years' solitary confinement. Some of the crimes, it is true, were serious; on the other hand, one man who received 6 months' solitary confinement in addition to 200 lashes, had only been guilty of presenting a petition to be transferred to another ship, and of complaining of ill-treatment by the officers. Another, who had a most excellent character, unusual in those days, received 200 lashes because he had left a prisoner for one minute to get him a drink of water.

Sometimes terrible floggings were awarded for what was no offense at all. In 1744, a man who had had the misfortune to kill a man he was boxing with, received 100 lashes. In 1809 a man who was acquitted of a charge of murder on the ground that the men were skylarking, was awarded 200 lashes round the fleet as "an admonition against skylarking" in future.

A surgeon accompanied any victim who was being flogged round the fleet, and could stop the punishment when the man could stand no more; he was then taken back to his ship to recover sufficiently to receive the remainder. Sometimes the torture was aggravated by washing the man's back in saltwater after the conclusion of the punishment. Boatswains' mates were "drilled to flog effectively, by

being made to practice on a cask, under the superintendence of the boatswain," and their rating depended on their proficiency. The custom was for each boatswain's mate to inflict one, or at most two dozen lashes.

It was not till 1830 that reforms were effected which did away with the old customs, and reduced the number of lashes to a maximum of 48. The Naval Discipline Act was passed in 1860, and from that time on the use of corporal punishment became more and more restricted, until, in 1879, it was practically abolished. The last case that occurred in the Service was in 1882. Corporal punishment, up to 25 lashes, may still be awarded by court-martial (*vide* Art. 790 K. R. and R.) in cases of mutiny, or of using or offering violence to a superior officer.

It was due more to opinion within than without the Service that flogging was done away with. Shoregoing folk are no more humane than those who go down to the sea in ships. Punishments on shore in the good old days were far more brutal than they are today. In fact, it was a brutal age, and so cruelty and brutality passed unremarked. Those who suffered were often uneducated, brutal and criminal, and incapable of understanding anything but force and brutality. The common law of England never recognized torture as legal, but it was prevalent for many centuries. The rack in the Tower seldom stood idle in Queen Elizabeth's reign; the "scavenger's daughter" (which was the reverse of the rack, and compressed a man into a ball), iron gauntlets, and the cell called "Little Ease," were only a few of the devices in use. Tying the thumbs with whipcord, and the piling of weights upon a man stretched on his back, were common practices at the Old Bailey up to the last century. Indeed, torture as a part of the punishment existed in fact, if not in name, down to a very recent period.

Torture was long a recognized part of Scottish criminal procedure, and was not finally abolished till 1708. Among other varieties were the rack, the pilnwinks (applied to the thumb and fingers), the boot, the caschie-laws, the lang irnis, the narrow bore, and worst of all, the waking, or artificial prevention of sleep.

As we observed before, all days may be good, but some are undoubtedly better than others.—*The Globe and Laurel*.

## ENCOURAGEMENT

The golfing novice, after disturbing much turf, turned for reassurance to his caddy and said: "I have a brother in Australia who plays this game awfully well."

"Well, carry on, sir," was the dry reply. "You'll soon dig him up."

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Answer: "Only one. Here's our ticket."

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